

State Bonds To Be Sold In Spite Of Unsteady Market

Faced by the fact that the state highway department has already entered into contracts for post roads and forest projects in cooperation with the federal government aggregating approximately eight million dollars and the fact that the credit of the state is at stake, the board of control this morning assured members of the highway commission that it stood ready to abide by the consequences and dispose of the \$2,500,000 in Bean-Barrett bonds as needed to the best advantage of the state, the condition of the bond market at the time of sale considered.

Today's conference between the board of control and highway commission followed a statement by Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff last Monday to the effect that no further issues of Bean-Barrett bonds would be approved until the bond market had recovered from its present demoralized condition, the highest bid for a \$1,000,000 issue of highway bonds a few weeks ago having been only \$1.53.

"The issue of these bonds is absolutely imperative," declared S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission this morning. "These contracts were let a year ago at a time when the law made it mandatory upon the state board of control to sell Bean-Barrett bonds up to the demand of the highway commission. Since that time the state legislature has made the sale of these bonds discretionary with the board of control. But that does not alter the fact that the state highway commission has entered into these obligations which must be met. The credit of the state is at stake. Unless these bonds are sold every contractor engaged in the construction of post roads and forest projects in this state will go broke because of the inability of the highway department to meet its obligations. All highway work would stop at once and the state's good roads program would be brought to an abrupt and most embarrassing end."

The state highway commission was not inclined to let many new road contracts this year, Benson explained, but would be content with completing contracts let last year. The foresight of the commission in pushing contracts a year ago, Benson claimed, had saved to the state between a million and \$1,250,000 because of the increase in prices of materials and wages since the contracts were let. Other states, he pointed out, which had held off in the hopes of a break in the market were now suffering the consequences in that they are now contracting for roads under greatly advanced prices.

Both Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff expressed themselves as opposed to the sale of additional bond issues under present market conditions but admitted that the situation left the little choice in the matter inasmuch as the contracts had been entered into a year ago, as Governor Olcott expressed it, "before the legislature passed the buck to the board of control," and the bills must be paid.

E. E. Kiddle of La Grande, commissioner for the eastern Oregon district also attended the conference this morning.

Unpaid Newspaper Subscriptions Held Drain Upon Supply

Washington, May 6.—As one solution of the print paper problem, Stanley Clague of Chicago, manager of the audit bureau of circulation, today suggested that the postoffice department cut off from the mails copies of newspapers and magazines for which subscriptions are six months overdue.

Testifying before the senate subcommittee, investigating the print paper situation, Mr. Clague said no legislation was needed and that a simple change in post office requirements as to expired subscriptions would do much to relieve the situation.

Boxing And Prize Fighting Proving Popular In Italy

Rome, Italy, May 6.—Boxing and prize fighting have just gained some headway in Italy. As a result, embryonic sporting writers are being born whose efforts for flowery descriptions eclipse even the vernacular of American sporting columns. Here is the report of a prize fight from one of the provincial papers.

"There was vivacious animation in the impatient crowd when there appeared on the scene what seemed to be two gun caissons that had just come out of battle. They were scantily clad so much so that they nearly froze to the teeth. Then there was sounded a fanfare of trumpets right into the ears of the waiting crowd and it was as if the wrath of God had been let loose."

"Then there were the sporting bloods who frothed at the mouth because the public was ignorant of the beauty and passion of the sport and because the spectators did not take the sport seriously. This delicious sport—as the English call it "the manly art of self defense"—was prohibited before the war. But then, the war was fought for liberty and right, at least, the right to enjoy oneself even at the risk of others losing their lives."

"The two ruffians were placed in the ring (a cord which separates them from the crowd.) After some preliminaries, the two began to launch blows at one another—a truly intellectual amusement to watch. One of the two, by virtue of his being lightweight champion, gave the other a severe punch in the stomach. The other returned a punch to the jaw as if nothing had happened. The public laughed and commented.

"Then the heavyweight delivered an elegant punch to the face of the lightweight and he fell to the floor. His friends came to his assistance and put a sponge to his mouth jabbering he was yellow."

Students' records were torn up and scattered over the floor, desks were broken open and \$25 in money was taken by thieves who broke into office of Principal J. W. Lingley of the Cheney high school.

Mrs. Brunk Sells Stories Of Eola To Home Journal

The first attempt at short story writing for magazines, by Mrs. Byron F. Brunk (Molly Runicorn) have been rewarded by acceptance by the Ladies Home Journal. Mrs. Brunk learned Friday.

The series concerns the little town of Eola, disguised under the name of Riverview. The letter of acceptance was accompanied by a personal letter of commendation from the editor and managing editor of the Journal, and a request for more stories of the same type.

Mrs. Brunk is a prominent member of the Salem Arts league, and for a number of years has been actively connected with all literary projects in the city. She is recognized as a writer of exceptional ability, and is often called upon by civic organizations to conduct publicity campaigns. She has been employed on both of the Salem papers, and was a member of the Women's Press club last winter.

Davis Cup Team To Visit America

Sydney, Australia, May 6.—Two members of the recent British Isles Davis Cup team who had stayed in Australia for local matches sailed for New Zealand recently. They will play in the Dominion and then return to England via the United States. They are A. E. Beamish and A. H. Lowe. Prior to their leaving Australia they were given a farewell here by the council of the Lawn Tennis association of Australasia. In responding to a speech wishing him and Lowe "bon voyage," Beamish spoke of the sportsmanlike spirit which prevailed among the large crowds who witnessed the Davis cup matches in Sydney. In no other part of the world, he declared, had he met with more sympathetic crowds.

Housing Situation Acute In Islands

Manila, P. I., May 6.—Neither the United States nor Europe has a monopoly of the housing problem for it is acute here as well. So serious has the dispute between landlords and tenants become in the Philippines that the governor-general, Francis Burton Harrison, has called the attention of the legislature to the need of enacting law to protect the poorer people from excessive charges for rent. Mr. Harrison in a message to the legislature recommended legislation giving the judges of the lower courts the right to say how much rent shall be paid in cases where tenants make complaints. The governor asserted that "acrimonious disputes are now in progress between landlords and tenants in many vicinities of the Philippines."

One method proposed in the legislature to solve the housing problem in the city of Manila is to appropriate \$500,000 for the erection of four large apartment houses each to contain 250 rooms. Eighty per cent of the rents from these buildings would be deposited with the government and used as it accumulates for the construction of additional buildings.

Maine Centennial Brings Indians To Ancestral Lands

Portland, Maine, May 6.—Indians living in Maine will make their homes this summer on land which was the abode of their ancestors 230 years ago. As part of the Maine Centennial celebration, tribes of Penobscots and Passamaquoddy will dwell at Dearing Oaks, which has been occupied by the palefaces since September 21, 1689. English settlers took possession then after a conflict with the redskins.

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Hoover Greets Pacific Alumni Via Wire Route

Portland, May 6.—"I am glad of the opportunity to send greetings to the alumni and ex-students of Pacific college, and I should like to be enrolled as a member of your body, as I claim to be among the pioneer students, now 25 years ago. The college has done good and faithful work and deserves all of our support."

Such was the message Herbert Hoover sent to his former fellow students from Pacific college, Newberg, who gathered at the Benson hotel Tuesday evening to renew friendships and to form an active alumni organization for the promotion of a cooperative spirit between former students and the college.

Graduates and former students were present to hear the address of Acting President John Mills of Pacific college, who spoke about the needs of the institution, and others. Enmer Newby of Vancouver acted as toastmaster. Other speakers were Professor R. W. Kirk of Oregon City, Will Allen of Salem, Laura Hammer cousin of Herbert Hoover and recently returned from service in Europe; Gladys Hannon of Portland and A. D. Kenworthy of Portland. The meeting resulted in the appointment of a committee to perfect a permanent organization for Portland and vicinity, with Mr. Kenworthy as chairman, and closed with a rendition of the old college song.

"Surprise" Grave Is Trap For Violators

Bombay, May 6.—Mashuda, tribesman of the Abyssinian border, who during the frontier campaign, repeatedly desecrated graves in which the British soldiers were buried have just been taught a severe lesson that will make them very chary of meddling with the dead in the future. A trap was set for them. A grave was fixed up which was made to appear that it contained the corpse of a British officer. It contained something much more deadly in the shape of gun cotton and other explosives.

Six Mashuda started to open the supposed grave. Five of them were blown to pieces. The sixth had just enough life left in him to tell what had happened.

Prices Of Fruits And Vegetables To Drop Here Soon

A decrease in the price of fruits and vegetables is in sight according to local wholesale dealers. They are now enabled to obtain the articles in carload lots, and as soon as they begin arriving the retail prices will lower. Strike of railroad employees is given as the reason for the exorbitant cost of fruits and vegetables until now, as the dealers were able only to receive very meagre and uncertain shipments of the goods.

Jersey Breeders Due This Evening

The 250 cattle men and Jersey breeders making the tour with the Oregon State Jersey Jubilee during this week, are expected to arrive in the city at 5 o'clock this evening. At 6 o'clock a banquet is scheduled to take place at the armory when prominent Jersey breeders from all parts of the union, and Governor Olcott, are scheduled to make talks.

The meeting of the Jersey men here this evening marks the end of their second annual jubilee and tour. Since Monday the cattle men have been touring all sections of the state, leaving from Portland on the morning of May 3.

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Woman Fined For Hitting Neighbor

Charged with disorderly conduct committed when she engaged in a fictitious encounter with Mrs. Frank LaBranch, 1945 Bines street, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Pearl Brundige, a neighbor, was fined \$5 by Police Judge Race this morning. Mrs. Brundige was arrested on complaint of Mrs. LaBranch.

Mrs. LaBranch told police that Mrs. Brundige came to her house after their children had been quarreling, and that she started a fight. After the battle, during which time she struck punctuated vigorous hair pulling she blows on the chin. Mrs. LaBranch came to police headquarters and swore to a warrant for her arrest. A short time later Mrs. Brundige also asked for a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. LaBranch, but this was not pressed.

Aggies Shut Out Washington State

Corvallis, Or., May 6.—The Oregon Agricultural college baseball team registered a shutout over the Washington State college nine here yesterday, 3 to 0. Keene, for O. A. C., held W. S. C. to four hits. The score:

W. S. C. 0 R. H. E.
O. A. C. 3 9 2
Cook and Watson; Keene and Gill. The teams are scheduled to play again today.

A sturgeon so large that it required the united efforts of three men to get it out of the water has been caught near Oregon City. A movie camera man was fortunately near at hand to register the event.



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Lake County Asks State To Settle Water Squabble

Hopelessly enmeshed in a net of its own weaving the circuit court of Lake county has appealed to the state engineer's office for aid in adjudicating water rights on the Chewaucan river in order that the settlers adjacent thereto may be able to supplement the scanty rainfall of the past season through irrigation in an effort to save their crops.

In a telegram received by State Engineer Copper from Circuit Judge L. F. Conn at Lakeview this morning setting forth the urgency of immediate action in order to save the situation in Lake county, the state department is asked to appoint a water master at once in order that the distribution of water from the Chewaucan river may proceed without delay.

In the absence of Copper, who is in eastern Oregon on an irrigation hearing, Robert Simpson, deputy state engineer, has wired Judge Conn to the effect that under the decree of the circuit court attempting to adjudicate the water rights involved, no distribution of the water is possible.

The adjudication made by the state water board, Simpson explains, was completely overturned in the decree

Current Report Of Nitrate Shipments Shows Distribution

Valparaiso, May 6.—The Association Producers of Nitrate have made public certain statistics concerning the consumption of this product, which is the principal article of exportation of Chile.

In the month of February there was on hand in Europe a stock of nitrate of 150,000 tons, and during this month there was imported into Europe 237,000 tons. Of this total of 387,000 tons there was delivered to the consumer during February a total of 155,000 tons, which left on hand for the month of March a total of 232,000 tons.

The visible supply of nitrate reaches 2,102,000 tons, composed as follows: 1,232,000 from Chile, 452,000 in Europe, 277,000 in the United States and \$1,000 in Japan and other countries.

RAILROAD OFFICERS NAMED Chicago, May 6.—Jackson E. Reynolds, president of the First National bank, New York, and Thomas E. Howland, vice president of the Burlington, were elected directors of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad at the annual meeting here, it was announced today. Other directors and the officers were re-elected. The directorate was increased from eleven to thirteen members.

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of the circuit court which allowed the great bulk of the water rights involved to the Chewaucan Land & Cattle company. Until the court acts to modify this decree, Simpson states, the state engineer is powerless to assist the settlers—more than 100 of whom are involved—in any distribution of water.



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